

~~The~~ Buritt Home^{use}
M. Mathews, Owner
Huntsville, Alabama
Madison Co.

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WRITTEN HISTORIC AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
DISTRICT NO. 16

Historic American Buildings Survey
E. Walter Burkhardt, District Officer
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THE BURITT HOME
Rustis Street,
Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama.

Ownership:

Present Owner: Buritt Matthews.

Previous Owners: Col. Leroy Pope, 1809 to 1815.
P. Hickman, 1815 to 1819.
Jacob Watson, 1819 to 1821.
Thomas Brandon, 1821.
Jacob Watson, 1822
Alexander G. Morgan, 1824.
John Estell, 1825.
James Armour, 1826.
James Dick, 1832.
Col. John Read, 1835.
Mrs. Mary K. Burritt, 1868.

Date of Erection: 1812.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Unknown.

Present Condition: Fair.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Frame construction through- out.

Other Existing Records:

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Additional Data:

Colonel John Read:

Came to Huntsville in 1811, from Bedford County, Virginia. Established the first United States land office in Alabama.

Col. Read remodeled the house, adding a brick wing to the rear. This was after the original two-story log cabin was weatherboarded.

Aaron Burr was entertained here sometime before the Civil War. Jere Clements, author and United States Senator from 1849 to 1853, was a guest in this home often. It was while Clements was a guest of Colonel Read's that Aaron Burr, a friend of Clements, spent a while in this house. Jeremiah Clements had married Col. Read's daughter. A character in his book "Mustang Gray", was modeled after Aaron Burr.

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